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SUBJECT: WRAPUP PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 29 - JULY 6

1. STAR, PAGE 4 (JUNE 29) "THE WORLD" BRIEFS CITE
EXPULSION BY YUGOSLAV POLICE OF TWO AMERICAN MEMBERS OF

"HELSINKI GUARANTEES FOR UKRAINE COMMITTEE" WHO PLANNED
TO PROTEST ALLEGED SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT
BELGRADE.

2. STAR, PAGE 13 (JUNE 29) WILLIAM R. FRYE REPORTS FROM
BELGRADE THAT YUGOSLAVIA WORRIED MOSCOW IS MAKING MAJOR
EFFORT TO TIGHTEN DISCIPLINE WITHIN COMMUNIST PARTIES OF
EAST AND WEST. MOSCOW REASSERTING ITS AUTHORITY AND
DEMANDING OBEDIENCE FOR FEAR THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISM
WILL GET OUT OF HAND, LEADING TO A PROCESS OF LIBERALI-
ZATION. RESULT HAS BEEN STERN, SOMETIMES EVEN BELLI-
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GERENT, STANCE AT BELGRADE BY SOVIET DELEGATE, ASSERTING
PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS NOT TO FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. WP (PAGE 9, JUNE 30) KENNETH REICH (LA TIMES) REPORTS
FORMER PRESIDENT FORD CHALLENGING CARTER ADMINISTRATION
TO "INSIST" ON FULL AGENDA ITEM ON COMPLIANCE WITH
HELSINKI ACCORDS TO AVOID ADVERSELY AFFECTING CREDIBILITY

OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. FORD EXPRESSED FEAR CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS COULD JEOPARDIZE PRESENT ARMS CONTROL TALKS.

4. WP, PAGE 21 (JUNE 30) MICHAEL DOBBS FROM BELGRADE REPORTS YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES EXPELLED TWO AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SEEKING TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH BELGRADE CONFERENCE. REACTION CAUSED BY LACK OF OFFICIAL NOTICE CONCERNING DETENTION AND EXPULSION OF THESE MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON-BASED "HELSINKI GUARANTEES FOR UKRAINE COMMITTEE," AS WELL AS PREVIOUS OTHER AMERICAN PROTESTORS FOR SOVIET JEWRY. AMERICAN DELEGATE INSISTS PRESENT "TRICKLE" OF CAMPAIGNERS COULD TURN INTO "FLOOD" BY OCTOBER.

5. CSM, PAGE 31 (JULY 5) EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT GODFREY SPERLING ASSERTS A "NEW ISOLATIONISM" IS AT WORK IN AMERICA. BEHIND THE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT OF AND WIDESPREAD SYMPATHY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE LIES NO PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO IMPOSE HUMAN RIGHTS ON ANY OTHER NATION. AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THEIR GOVERNMENT "TO MAKE AS FEW WAVES AS POSSIBLE IN THE WORLD."

6. WP, PAGE 18, (JULY 6) EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE UKRAINIAN EXAMPLE" CITES HELSINKI AGREEMENT AS A POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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STIMULUS, ALONG WITH CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, FOR ETHNIC MOVEMENTS. WITH LIKES OF OTHERS, SUCH AS MOLUCCANS, QUIEBECOIS, AND PALESTINIANS, UKRAINIAN DISSIDENTS FIRING DEMANDS FOR HELSINKI NATIONAL MINORITY GUARANTEES. VANCE

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